(c) and (d) No revenue has been lost on the purchase of new aircraft by the Communication Squadron.

Reshuffle of Military and Para-Military Force

3375. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a reorganisation and reshuffle of various military, para-military and security forces, including intelligence wings, in the context of lesson drawn from the Kargil episode and the possibility of another Kargil like situation being presented by Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the steps taken and being taken to avert another Kargil like situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) Government had constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) on 17th April, 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and, in particular to consider the recomendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation. The GoM had after taking into account the report of the Kargil Review Committee, Reports of the four Task Forces set up by the GoM and other inputs, finalised their recommendations for reforming the National Security System. The Group of Ministers (GoM) has made comprehensive recommendations for strengthening the existing processes, procedures and structures related to Defence Management, Intelligence Apparatus, Internal Security and Border Management. The important recommendations of the GoM relate to (i) redesignation of Service Hqrs as "Integrated Headquarters", (ii) creation of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), (iii) creation of a Defence Procurement Board, (iv) the Defence Intelligence Agency, (v) the National Defence University, (vi) the preparation of holistic integrated Defence Perspective Plans for 15 to 20 years, (vii) strengthening the mechanism for gathering and dissemination of intelligence, (viii) rejuvenation of State Police Forces/Central Para military Forces, (ix) national service for youth, (x) expanding NCC and service in the Territorial Army, (xi) upgradation of the efficacy of the civil defence organization, (xii) setting up of village defence committees in rural areas, (xiii) revamp of the criminal justice system, (xiv) strengthening, training and equipping of Border Guarding Forces etc. The report of the GoM was presented to the Prime Minister on 26th February 2001. The Government approved the

recommendations made in the Report of the GoM on 11th May, 2001 with the modification that a view on the recommendation relating to the institution of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) will be taken after consultation with various political parties. The implementation of the recommendations of the GoM has already commenced. In order to ensure that the recommendations are implemented in a time bound manner, the implementation process is being closely monitored by the Government.

Border fencing in Tripura by Border Roads Organisations

3376. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Roads Organisations has taken up border fencing in Tripura;

(b) what percentage of the Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura has been fenced till date; and

(c) by when the fencing work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Border Fencing of 736 Km in Tripura was approved by Ministry of Home Affairs in June 2000.

(b) Fencing work is yet to commence.

(c) Works are proposed for commencement during 2001-2002. The probable date of completion is March 2007.

Sainik Schools in Bihar

3377. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sainik School in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open a Sainik School in Bihar in order to encourage military education; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) There are 18 Sainik Schools in the country.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Proposal for setting up of four Sainik Schools in Bihar has been received by the Ministry. As per the provisions of Sainik Schools